

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 21, 2010
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 518
AUTHOR: A. Lowenthal
RELATED BILLS: SB 1258
(Lowenthal, 2008)

BILL SUMMARY: Building Standards: Graywater

This bill would require the California Building Standards Commission (Commission) to adopt non-residential building standards for graywater systems for indoor and outdoor use. Specifically, the bill would require the Commission, at its next triennial building standards rule-making cycle beginning on or after January 1, 2011, to establish nonresidential building standards for the construction, installation, and alteration of specified indoor and outdoor graywater systems. This bill would also terminate the authority of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to adopt standards for graywater systems upon adoption of standards by the Commission.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Because this bill would require the adoption of graywater standards as part of the next triennial building standards cycle, the Commission estimates any costs would be minor and absorbable. The bill would also result in minor cost savings to DWR.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the May 6, 2009 version include the following significant amendments which do change our position: the prior contents of the bill related to vehicle parking services and fees have been replaced with subject matter concerning the adoption of graywater system building standards for non-residential occupancies by the Commission.

COMMENTS

This bill would have a minor fiscal impact and concerns a policy matter on which we are neutral.

Graywater is defined as untreated wastewater which has not come in contact with toilet waste, including but not limited to, water from bathtubs, showers, bathroom wash basis, clothes washing machines, and laundry tubs. It does not include waste water from kitchen sinks, photo lab sinks, dishwashers or laundry water from soiled diapers.

Chapter 172, Statutes of 2008 (SB 1258, Lowenthal) requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, on or after January 1, 2009, to adopt construction standards for graywater systems in residential buildings and to submit the standards to the Commission for approval. It also terminated DWR's authority to adopt graywater standards related to residential buildings.

This bill would extend the transition of graywater standards from the DWR to the Commission, placing all graywater standards, residential, commercial, and industrial, under the authority of the Commission.

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Code/Department	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
Agency or Revenue	CO	PROP							Fund	
Type	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	Code	
1760/Dept Gen Svc	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0666	
3860/Water Res	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0001	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0001	General Fund									
0666	Service Revolving Fund									